

Relieving rail congestion >>

**More frequent, reliable
and faster Amtrak
Cascades® service**

Point Defiance Bypass Project

**Freight congestion, tight curves,
landslides, single-track tunnels
and drawbridge openings
all cause delays for Amtrak
Cascades trains. For passengers,
this means missed connections,
missed appointments and lost
time with family and friends.**

**The inland passenger rail
route will create room for
Amtrak Cascades to add more
daily trains, shorten travel
time and reduce delays.**

Project information

[www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/
rail/pnwrc_ptdefiance](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/rail/pnwrc_ptdefiance)

Cascades High-Speed Rail program information

<http://wsdot.wa.gov/rail>

Train schedules & tickets

www.amtrakkascades.com



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Where is the project?

The Point Defiance Bypass rail project will reroute passenger trains from the BNSF Railway main line that runs near Point Defiance to an existing rail line that runs through south Tacoma, Lakewood, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, and DuPont.

Why reroute the train away from the scenic waterfront?

It's hard to dispute the beauty of the scenic waterfront route around Point Defiance, but that train route is congested with nearly 50 daily freight trains and is prone to landslides and other disruptions.

**The details**

- Construction of 14.5 miles of new and upgraded track through Lakewood and DuPont
- Five reconstructed at-grade crossings, each with an advanced warning and signal system
- New Amtrak passenger station within the Freighthouse Square building, where Sound Transit currently operates the Tacoma Dome Station for Sounder commuter trains

The investment

Washington state is delivering nearly \$800 million in federally funded rail corridor improvements using high-speed rail grants administered by the Federal Railroad Administration. The Point Defiance Bypass is one project in that program.

Project Budget: \$89.1 million

The benefits

- Two additional round trips between Seattle and Portland, for a total of six
- Shortened travel time
- Improved on-time performance

Your input is important.

For information on upcoming public meetings and other ways to provide comments, visit: www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/Rail/PNWRC_PtDefiance.

Amtrak Cascades Service

Washington and Oregon jointly sponsor Amtrak Cascades, a 466-mile regional service that operates between Eugene, Oregon and Vancouver, British Columbia.

Project Status:

Environmental work
Complete: spring 2013

Project design
Complete: winter 2015

Project construction
Complete: spring 2017



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